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Examiner: TOLEDO, Fernando L.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Total Claims	19	MINUS	21	0	x 25 =	x 50 = \$0-
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Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid					\$180.00	\$360.00
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Dear Examiner Toledo:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Office Action dated February 23, 2005. The Applicants thank the Examiner for his consideration of issues raised in the March 22, 2005 telephonic interview. It is respectfully requested that the above-referenced patent application be reconsidered in light of the amendments and comments included hereinbelow. Kindly amend the above-entitled application as set forth below:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.